



Agency Announcements

Adult Benefit Waiver (ABW): This program, also known as Adult Medical Program (AMP), is continuing open enrollment through **October 31, 2006**. Please review your caseloads to see if clients are eligible for the program (it covers both medical visits and prescriptions!) Please contact Ken Pape (papek@michigan.gov or 1-877-342-2437) for more information. **A big THANKS to all of you who enrolled clients during the open enrollment period in May '06. We were able to enroll 39 new clients and save ADAP \$400,000!**

DHS Community Giving Program: As Thanksgiving and the December holidays approach, please check with your clients to see if they would like to receive a gift basket (with food, presents, or both). Only clients receiving **FIP** or **SDA** are eligible. Case managers can fill out the request form, but it requires a **client signature and consent**. Forms can be obtained from Ken Pape (papek@michigan.gov; 1-877-342-2437). Help spread holiday cheer to your clients and their families. *While this program is DHS-specific, there may be other resources available in your community.*

Do you have announcements?

E-mail them to Kenneth Pape (papek@michigan.gov) or Sarah Young (sryoun@umich.edu) by the first Monday of the month.

Michigan Oral Health Program

Q: What is the Michigan Oral Health Program?

A: This program aims to improve the oral health of all Michigan residents through coordination of services and technical assistance to oral health care providers. The program produces informational brochures and reports, offers reduced or free dental services, and provides a number of other community-based oral health programs (such as fluoridation of water).

Q: Why is the program important (especially to the HIV/AIDS community)?

A: According to HIVDent.org, "More than **one-third** of people living with HIV have oral conditions that arise because of their weakened immune system." The good news, however, is that the most common oral health problems associated with HIV infection can be treated with proper dental care.

Q: Where can case managers access the Oral Health Program Directory?

A: Case managers can contact Ken Pape (papek@michigan.gov; 1-877-342-2437) to request a hard copy of the Michigan Oral Health Program directory, or can check www.michigan.gov and search "Oral Health Program" for more information.

Information from: www.michigan.gov
www.HIVDent.org



FYI: Medigap



Medicare Supplemental Insurance (Medigap) may help your clients manage the financial gaps left by Medicare Parts A and B!

- ❖ Medigap (officially Medicare Supplemental Insurance) covers most of the 20% in medical costs remaining that a client is left with after Medicare pays its standard 80% coverage.
- ❖ To qualify for a Medigap policy, a client must have **Medicare Parts A and B**
- ❖ There are some clients who will not qualify for Medigap policies (including those in end stage renal failure).
- ❖ **INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IAP) MAY COVER THE MEDIGAP PREMIUM FOR YOUR CLIENTS (provided clients meet income, asset and medical requirements).**
- ❖ Please call or email John Bain (bainj@michigan.gov or (313) 456-1677) with any further questions.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/02110.pdf>

Changes in Medicare Part B: Wealthier People Pay Higher Premiums

2007 premiums for Medicare Part B are rising for everyone, but people who earn **more than \$80,000 per year** will be shouldering more of the financial burden. While people earning \$80,000 or less per year will pay \$93.50 per month, those individuals earning more than this will now pay between \$106 an (depending on income levels).



Barry, P. (2006). Medicare Part B hikes: An increase in premiums will take a bigger bite out of fatter wallets.
Retrieved October 10, 2006 from: <http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/medicare/>



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HIV/AIDS Terms

D D P I U N X O N K Y H M M R E A H C Y
G L R M N O Q S O U T G I L O S W P R P
Z F O M I I C L I U I A E V I D D E Q A
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O E T I S H N R P W E S T E R N B L O T
Q H A O M I E P P X T Z H O A A Y S Q D
X Y L B H S C R O I V A H E B K S I R T

AIDS	PARTNER NOTIFICATION
ANTIBODY TEST	PREVENTION
COINFECTION	PROTEASE INHIBITOR
COMBINATION THERAPY	RISK BEHAVIOR
CONDOM	RYAN WHITE
CONFIDENTIALITY	SEROCONVERSION
ELISA	T CELLS
HIV	TRANSMISSION
IMMUNESYSTEM	UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS
OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTION	WESTERN BLOT

See if you can find the **hidden HIV/AIDS related** word in the puzzle...

Stay tuned to **November's newsletter** for the answer!